



Butterfly Checklist

BUTTERFLIES, PALO ALTO BATTLEFIELD, AND CHANGE

To many, butterflies are simple, carefree creatures, fluttering about the flowers, their beautiful wings glittering in the sunlight. To scientists, butterflies are complex insects that undergo a complete metamorphosis from egg to caterpillar to pupa to adult.

Palo Alto Battlefield NHP has also undergone a metamorphosis. On May 8, 1846, this prairie was a scene of conflict as U.S. and Mexican soldiers clashed in the first battle of the U.S.-Mexican War. That day, the thunder of hoofbeats, smell of gunpowder, and clouds of smoke filled the air.

Today, visitors listen to the calls of mockingbirds and watch butterflies fluttering among wildflowers that create a colorful colored carpet of purples, reds, and yellows. Just as the transformation from caterpillars to butterflies, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park has changed from a scene of conflict to a site of healing and remembrance.

SWALLOWTAILS FAMILY

- ☐ Pipevine Swallowtail
- ☐ Polydamus Swallowtail
- ☐ Black Swallowtail
- ☐ Giant Swallowtail
- ☐ Ornythion Swallowtail
- ☐ Ruby-spotted Swallowtail

WHITES AND YELLOWS FAMILY

WHITES

- ☐ Florida White
- ☐ Checkered White
- ☐ Great Southern White
- ☐ Giant White

SULPHURS

- ☐ Orange Sulphur
- ☐ Southern Dogface
- ☐ White-angled Sulphur
- ☐ Yellow-angled Sulphur
- ☐ Cloudless Sulphur
- ☐ Orange-barred Sulphur
- ☐ Large Orange Sulphur
- ☐ Lyside Sulphur
- ☐ Barred Yellow
- ☐ Boisduval’s Yellow
- ☐ Mexican Yellow
- ☐ Tailed Orange
- ☐ Little Yellow
- ☐ Mimosa Yellow
- ☐ Sleepy Orange
- ☐ Dainty Sulphur

GOSSAMERWINGS FAMILY

HAIRSTREAKS

- ☐ Great Purple Hairstreak
- ☐ Silver-banded Hairstreak
- ☐ Xami Hairstreak (coastal)
- ☐ Gray Hairstreak
- ☐ Red-crescent Scrub-Hairstreak
- ☐ Yojoa Scrub-hairstreak
- ☐ Lacey’s Scrub-hairstreak
- ☐ Mallow Scrub-hairstreak
- ☐ Lantana Scrub-hairstreak
- ☐ Dusky-blue Groundstreak
- ☐ Clytie Ministreak

BLUES

- ☐ Western Pygmy-blue
- ☐ Cassius Blue
- ☐ Marine Blue
- ☐ Cyna Blue
- ☐ Ceraunus Blue
- ☐ Reakirt’s Blue

METALMARKS FAMILY

- ☐ Fatal Metalmark
- ☐ Rounded Metalmark
- ☐ Red-bordered Metalmark
- ☐ Blue Metalmark (coastal)
- ☐ Red-bordered Pixie

BRUSHFOOTS FAMILY

SNOUTS

- ☐ American Snout

HELICONIANS & FRITILLARIES

- ☐ Gulf Fritillary
- ☐ Mexican Silverspot
- ☐ Julia Heliconian
- ☐ Zebra Heliconian
- ☐ Variegated Fritillary
- ☐ Mexican Fritillary

TRUE BRUSH FEET

- ☐ Theona Checkerspot
- ☐ Bordered Patch
- ☐ Definite Patch (coastal)
- ☐ Crimson Patch
- ☐ Elada Checkerspot
- ☐ Texan Crescent
- ☐ Pale-banded Crescent
- ☐ Vesta Crescent
- ☐ Phaon Crescent
- ☐ Pearl Crescent
- ☐ Question Mark
- ☐ American Lady
- ☐ Painted Lady
- ☐ Red Admiral
- ☐ Common Buckeye
- ☐ Tropical Buckeye (coastal)
- ☐ White Peacock
- ☐ Banded Peacock

ADMIRAL AND RELATIVES

- ☐ Band-celled Sister
- ☐ Common Banner
- ☐ Mexican Bluewing
- ☐ Blue-eyed Sailor
- ☐ Red Rim
- ☐ Malachite
- ☐ Gray Cracker
- ☐ Guatemalan Cracker
- ☐ Ruddy Daggerwing

LEAFWINGS

- ☐ Tropical Leafwing
- ☐ Goatweed Leafwing

EMPERORS

- ☐ Hackberry
- ☐ Empress Leilia
- ☐ Tawny Emperor
- ☐ Pavon Emperor
- ☐ Silver Emperor

SATYRS

- ☐ Gemmed Satyr
- ☐ Carolina Satyr

MONARCHS

- ☐ Monarch
- ☐ Queen
- ☐ Soldier

SKIPPERS FAMILY
SPREAD-WINGED SKIPPERS

- ☐ Guava Skipper
- ☐ Mercurial Skipper
- ☐ White-striped Longtail
- ☐ Zilpa Longtail
- ☐ Gold-spotted Aguna
- ☐ Emerald Aguna
- ☐ Longtailed Skipper
- ☐ Dorantes Longtail
- ☐ Teleus Longtail
- ☐ Brown Longtail
- ☐ Two-barred Flasher
- ☐ Coyote Cloudywing
- ☐ Potrillo Skipper
- ☐ Falcate Skipper
- ☐ Mimosa Skipper
- ☐ Glazed Pellicia
- ☐ Mazans Scallopwing
- ☐ Texas-powdered Skipper
- ☐ Sickle-winged Skipper
- ☐ Brown-banded Skipper
- ☐ White-patched Skipper
- ☐ Horace’s Duskywing
- ☐ Mournful Duskywing
- ☐ Funereal Duskywing
- ☐ White Checkered-skipper
- ☐ Tropical Checkered-skipper
- ☐ Desert Checkered-skipper
- ☐ Erichson’s White-skipper
- ☐ Laviana White-skipper
- ☐ Turk’s Cap White-skipper
- ☐ East-Mexican White-skipper
- ☐ Common Streaky-skipper
- ☐ Common Sootywing

GRASS SKIPPERS

- ☐ Pale-rayed Skipper (coastal)
- ☐ Julia’s Skipper
- ☐ Fawn-spotted Skipper
- ☐ Clouded Skipper
- ☐ Double-dotted Skipper (coastal)
- ☐ Southern Skipperling
- ☐ Fiery Skipper
- ☐ Whirlabout
- ☐ Southern Broken-dash
- ☐ Sachem
- ☐ Common Mellana
- ☐ Nysa Roadside-skipper
- ☐ Celia’s Roadside-skipper
- ☐ Eufala Skipper
- ☐ Violet-clouded Skipper
- ☐ Olive-clouded Skipper
- ☐ Brazilian Skipper
- ☐ Obscure Skipper (coastal)
- ☐ Ocola Skipper
- ☐ Purple-washed Skipper
- ☐ Evan’s Skipper
- ☐ Violet-banded Skipper

OTHER BUTTERFLIES

TOTAL # SPECIES SEEN: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____

OBSERVER(s)_____

SKY/WIND/TEMP.:_____

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